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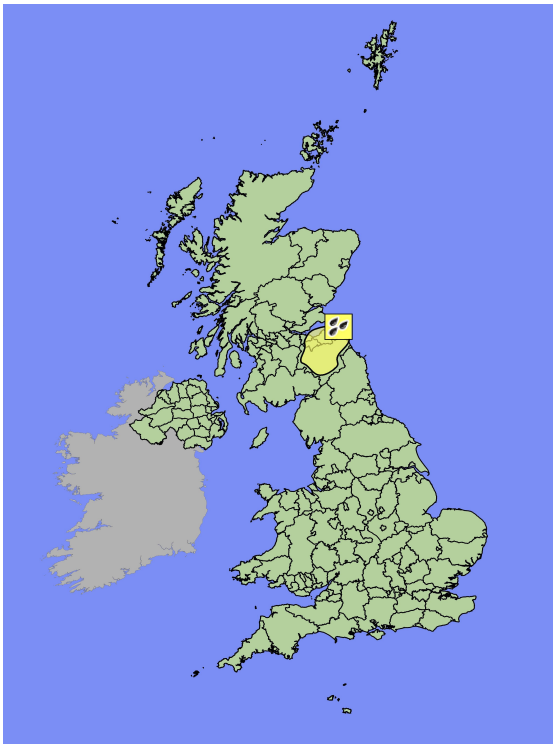

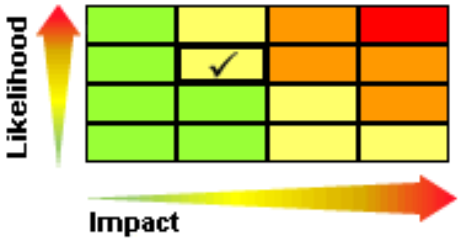

Chief Forecasters Assessment
A deepening depression is expected to track northeast into the Irish Sea and then towards southern Scotland during Thursday, generating a swathe of heavy rain, strong winds and low temperatures. There is continued uncertainty in exactly how much rain will fall, and the detailed distribution is also problematic, with a considerable range of outcomes offered by available computer model output. The most probable focus for heaviest rain is across eastern parts of Northern Ireland and southwest Scotland, with 20-30 mm quite likely, perhaps exceeding 40 mm in some locations. The rain will be accompanied by strong east or northeast winds, with wet snow likely across high ground to the north of the Central Belt, although mostly above road levels - blizzard conditions are possible over mountains.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Warning** of **Rain**

Valid from **03:00 on Thu, 10th May 2012** until **23:59 on Thu, 10th May 2012**

Persistent and at times heavy rain is likely to continue across Southeast Scotland during the rest of Thursday.

The public should be aware that the heavy rain will lead to difficult driving conditions, including spray on roads, and the possibility of localised flooding.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/uk_forecast_warnings.html

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